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Re:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/394,745 filed September 15, 1999

Inventors: Dane K. FISHER et al.

Title:

Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

Atty. Dkt.: 16517.280

Sir:

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